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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM - ARGENTINA.

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ON JULY 15, 1976, BRIGADIER GENERAL ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, ADVISED THAT RECENTLY DEVELOPED INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ERP GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION SOMETIME DURING 1973 OBTAINED 5,000 INCENDIARY BOMBS FROM GERMANY. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT THE TYPE OF INCENDIARY BOMB PURCHASED BY THE ERP WAS A TUBULAR DEVICE APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN INCHES LONG WITH A SELF-CONTAINED TIMING DEVICE. THE MINISTER REPORTED THAT THE INCENDIARY BOMB PRODUCES AN EXTREMELY INTENSE LONG-LASTING FIRE SIMILAR TO A THERMITE GRENADE. THE MINISTER NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT INQUIRIES BY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY ESTABLISHED THAT THE PARTICULAR INCENDIARY DEVICE IN QUESTION HAS A SAFE LIFE OF TWO YEARS UNDER IDEAL STORAGE CONDITIONS, AND THAT THE ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES BELIEVE THAT THE INCENDIARY DEVICES, OWING TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE OVER THREE YEARS OLD AND UNDOUBTEDLY STORED IN LESS THAN DESIROUS CONDITIONS, HAVE LOST THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. (S) (U)

1 - 109-38 (ERP) RWS:jn (3)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - ~~THE~~ THE FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE WAS PROVIDED  
DURING A PRIVATE INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF THE  
INTERIOR, AMBASSADOR HILL AND MYSELF. ~~(S)~~ (U)  
COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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THE AMBASSADOR  
VIA A/DCM

7/16/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

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REASON: 1.5 (C,d)  
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On 7/15/76, Brigadier General ALBANO EDUARDO HARGUINDEGUY, Minister of the Interior, provided the following information to the Ambassador and me in the strictest of confidence: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Argentine security forces have scored considerable successes against the Argentine terrorist organization, The Peoples Revolutionary Army (ERP). Argentine security services have developed information judged to be reliable that the ERP and the Montonero guerrilla organizations will join forces and will announce their merger in a public manifesto, which will be issued on August 22, 1976, the anniversary date of the so-called Trelew incident, during which several Argentine terrorists were killed by Argentine security forces during an escape attempt from an Argentine military detention center. The reason for the merger is that the ERP has been severely crippled during the past three months by Argentine security forces. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Argentine security forces believe that ERP leader, MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, is in Buenos Aires, as well as Montonero leader, MARIO EDUARDO FIRMENICH. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Recently developed intelligence indicates that the ERP guerrilla organization sometime during 1973 obtained 5,000 incendiary bombs from Germany. The Minister indicated that the type of incendiary bomb purchased by the ERP was a tubular device approximately eighteen inches long with a self-contained timing device. The Minister noted, however, that inquiries by the Argentine military established that the particular incendiary device in question has a safe life of two years ~~(U)~~ ~~(S)~~

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

under ideal storage conditions, and that the Argentine intelligence services believe that the incendiary devices, owing to the fact that they are over three years old and undoubtedly stored in less than desirous conditions, have lost their effectiveness. (S) (U)

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3/3/76

ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY ERP  
REGARDING MILGRP

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Attached for each recipient is a copy of an ERP document captioned "Datos Operativos" dated 5/30/76 concerning U. S. Milgrp personnel. This ERP document was picked up by the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) on 7/28/76 in a raid against the residence of an ERP militant. The attached ERP document was made available by a ranking SIE official on 8/2/76. It is noted that the document was to be furnished to the Junta Coordinadora and had been prepared by the ERP Unidad J. S. Manccini, and its author was an ERP member with the code name "Sergeant DIANA." The attached ERP document contains the name, title, residence address and telephone number of past and present U. S. Milgrp personnel both American and Argentine. Next to the names of five Argentine Milgrp employees there is an "X" marked in red ballpoint pen. The source was unable to provide any information with regard to the significance of the red ballpoint "X's" but speculated that these marks might indicate that the individuals may have been under surveillance or may be unwitting contacts of the ERP. The source noted that the data contained in the attached ERP document probably was secured at a Milgrp office either in the U. S. Embassy or one of the Argentine Government buildings. It is presumed that the information regarding U. S. Milgrp personnel contained therein may have been secured by an Argentine Army conscript or infiltrator in the military. If this be the case, the source speculated that the "X's" in red ballpoint ink next to the names in the attached document might indicate that the source of the information may personally be acquainted with the individuals signaled out by the red ballpoint "X" next to their names. (S) (U)

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COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY ERP  
REGARDING MILGRP

Source noted that the ERP militant in whose possession the attached document was found was severely wounded during the SIE raid and died during the afternoon of 8/2/70. Source noted, however, that the ERP member indicated that Lieutenant Colonel LLOYD GRACEY had been signaled out by the ERP for assassination and that more specific data had passed through this ERP member's hands concerning Colonel GRACEY several weeks ago. (S) (U)

Source advised that the SIE had conducted no investigation with regard to the attached document and was leaving the entire matter for the U. S. Embassy to evaluate. The original of the attached document was made available to me by the SIE and will be retained in my office for future reference. (S) (U)

The foregoing information should not be discussed with any foreign officials including those of the Argentine Government.

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Buenos Aires, 28 de Julio de 1976

ASUNTO: Documentación encontrada en un procedimiento antisubversivo.-

SE INFORMA:

El documento que se adjunta fué encontrado -entre gran variedad de papeles - en un local allanado por Fuerzas de Seguridad y que pertenecía a un militante del autotitulado ERP.-

No se procedió a efectuar ninguna investigación sobre el mismo, desconociéndose por lo tanto, si las direcciones que en él figuran, son actualizadas, pese a figurar en el mismo la fecha 20/5/76.-

Se ignoran asimismo el porqué de las marcas en rojo que figuran al lado de cinco personas de las nombradas.-



8/3/76

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TO: DIRECTOR NR. -03  
FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2; 109-103)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON AUGUST 2, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS  
AN OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (AAIS)] (S) (U)  
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (S) (U)

ON JULY 28, 1976, UNITS OF THE AAIS RAIDED THE RESIDENCE  
OF A RECENTLY IDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP). THE ERP  
RAIDING PARTY SEVERELY WOUNDED AN ERP MEMBER AND RECOVERED  
A VOLUME OF IMPORTANT ERP DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS  
RECOVERED (THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE)  
WAS A DOCUMENT DATED MAY 30, 1976, CAPTIONED, "DATOS OPERATIVOS"  
(OPERATING DATA). THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE NAME, TITLE, (S) (U)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CURRENT AND FORMER U. S. AND ARGENTINE MEMBERS OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. A NOTATION ON THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT IT HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE ERP J. S. MANCCINI CELL AND ITS AUTHOR WAS AN ERP MEMBER KNOWN BY THE CODE NAME OF "SERGEANT DIANA." THE DOCUMENT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE JUNTA COORDINADORA REVOLUCIONARIA REVOLUTONARY (COORDINATING/JUNTA). ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE WOUNDED ERP MEMBER IN WHOSE POSSESSION THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DOCUMENT WAS FOUND, DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON AUGUST 2, 1976. HOWEVER, BEFORE HE DIED THIS ERP MEMBER ADVISED THAT SEVERAL WEEKS PREVIOUSLY HE HAD SEEN INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ERP INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE LT. COL. LLOYD GRACEY OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA. IT IS NOTED THAT LT. COL. GRACEY <sup>RECENTLY</sup> DEPARTED ARGENTINA PERMANENTLY FOR THE UNITED STATES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

IT IS NOTED THAT IN THE RECOVERED ERP DOCUMENT, FIVE ARGENTINE EMPLOYEES OF THE U. S. MILITARY GROUP IN ARGENTINA HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH A RED BALLPOINT PEN X NEXT TO THEIR NAMES IN THE DOCUMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THESE MARKINGS IS UNKNOWN TO THE AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE JUNTA COORDINADORA WAS ORGANIZED BY THE ERP AND IN ADDITION TO THE ERP, ITS MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN FROM BOLIVIA), THE MLN-TUPAMAROS FROM URUGUAY, AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR FROM CHILE).

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ADMINISTRATIVE. [SOURCE IS CAPTAIN JUAN LUCERO, AAIS.] ~~(S)~~ (U)  
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4/5/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT K. SCHNEIDER

COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ~~IN~~ REGARDING MILGROUP

Reference my memorandum dated 3/3/76.

On 3/4/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The individual who is in possession of the documentation and information regarding EIP interest in the U. S. Military Group, Buenos Aires, was to have delivered these documents to (first name unknown) HERBILANA, a member of the National Bureau of the EIP. HERBILANA currently is a fugitive; however, combined Buenos Aires Provincial Police and SIE units narrowly missed apprehending him last week in Buenos Aires Province. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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- 1 - PGL-E
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- 1 - Milgrp
- 1 - Security

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3 - Pue (100-103), (100-38) (i-Ambassador's Brief, (80-173) ~~SECRET~~ Book)

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